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The G.S.A. is looking for students to represent grads on
various university bodies. If you would like the challenge of
this involvement, please contact us at 879-7219.

G.S.A. POLICY FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING IN CONFERENCES

Limited funds are available for partial coverage of the
cost of trips by graduate students presenting papers related
to their fields of study. Please apply in writing at least
one month prior to the presentation of your paper.

SPEAKER SERIES

MALCOLM MUGGERIDGE

On March 30 the G.S.A., in conjunction with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, presented speaker Malcolm Muggeridge, well-known author, editorialist and iconoclast.

Over eight hundred people gathered to hear his lecture, entitled, The Death of Christendom, But Not of Christ. It was a memorable evening.

According to Mr. Muggeridge, Christendom was instituted when Christian thought first began to influence politics, law, society values and the whole power structure of a civilization, i.e. the western world. As western society becomes less and less influenced by Christianity, Christendom dies. It is to be expected, but certainly not a cause for fear, because Christ does not depend on any system to spread His kingdom. The death of Christendom implies the loss of certain principles, moral order.

To further assure the audience that the spread of the kingdom does not rely on the degree of Christian influence in a society, Mr. Muggeridge cited the spread of true Christianity in atheistic states, and the intense commitment of believers there.

Malcolm Muggeridge's distrust of the media came out in his statement that the media helps to perpetrate the fantasy world that most people in the west live in. In contrast to this phoniness, the Lord Jesus shines as the Reality of Realities.

Mr. Muggeridge's candid comments on aging, modern thought, etc. brought rounds of spontaneous applause.

He closed with these words from Jesus, "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

A thought-provoking question period followed, after which Mr. Malcolm Muggeridge received an enthusiastic standing ovation.

Dr. David Bohm

The G.S.A. and the Visiting Lecturers Committee of Concordia, co-sponsored a talk by Dr. David Bohm, which took place May 23.

Dr. D. Bohm is a professor of theoretical physics at Birkbeck College University of London. He is the author of "Quantum Mechanics", "Causality and Chance in Modern Physics" and "The Special Theory of Relativity".

Dr. Bohm has proposed and is developing a radical change in the conceptual framework of the universe, the implicate order, where there is fundamentally interaction. The explicate order, which can be viewed as a local and a particular unfoldment of the implicate order, envelops our senses and our consciousness. It is in this explicate order that there is apparent independence, that is things.

The title of Dr. Bohm's talk was "Insight and Its Relation to Science, Education and Values". In it, Dr. Bohm explored some of the aspects of the link between knowledge and insight. He proposed that thought extended beyond its sensible limit blocks insight and that insight is essential for rational understanding.

Dr. Bohm was invited to Canada by the Krishnamurti Education Center in British Columbia. He has given talks in Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto and here in Montreal. In addition a week-end seminar with Dr. Bohm was held at the Lacolle Center of Educational Innovation.

VIDEO TAPES

Video tapes of both of these lectures are available from the Audio-Visual Department. These tapes are for in-university viewing by students. There is no charge. A/V requires at least two days notice. Contact them at 879-5974, or Room 341 of the Hall Building for more information.

COMMITTEE IN AID OF FOREIGN GRADUATE STUDENTS AFFECTED BY DIFFERENTIAL FEES

It has been brought to our notice that there are some foreign graduate students enrolled in the 78/79 session who are having a hard time making ends meet, due to the fact that they are paying five times as much in fees as do Canadian students. It appears that these students have been abandoned by the Concordia Administration, as well as by the provincial government.

The G.S.A. stand against differential fees is well-known. Realizing the problems these students are facing, the G.S.A. Council has agreed to allot some funds towards their fees.

Foreign graduate students are advised to pick up application forms from the G.S.A. office (2160 Bishop, #105). A Personal Reference Form must be filled out by the student's Program Director.

Dead-line for receipt of applications is June 20, 1979. The funds will be transferred directly to the student's university account, and will go towards payment of fees.

CHESS TOURNAMENT

A Chess Tournament, open to Concordia Graduate students, is being organized by the G.S.A. A suggested date is around the beginning of the term (any suggestions?). Information concerning participating in the tournament will be available from the G.S.A. office. Depending on the number of participants, a "Round Robin" or a "Swiss System" of organization will be adopted.

GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS

At a meeting of the G.S.A. Council held May 25, the Election Report on the 1979/80 G.S.A. General Election, submitted by the Chief Returning Officer, was approved.

This was the first time in G.S.A. history that 15% of the membership voted. 424 ballots were cast. Council felt that this was a tremendous response, considering past elections when the total amount of votes cast was around 150.

The former President, Giuseppe Matteo, in his bid for the Vice-Presidency, received 64% of all votes cast. The maximum ever received by a candidate in a G.S.A. Election!

Atef Fahim defeated Joanne McNeish by 32 votes, in his bid for the Presidency.

The following are the election results:

Total No. of votes: 424

Total received by mail: 297

Position for President

Total No. of ballots: 420

Atef E.F. Fahim
Joanne McNeish

Received: 224
Received: 192

Position for Vice-President

Total No. of ballots: 420

Rashter Sharma*
Giuseppe Matteo

Received: 140
Received: 269

Position for Engineering Rep.

Total No. of ballots: 103

Omprakash Sharma
Altat U. Rehman

Received: 76
Received: 22

Position for Division II Rep.

Total No. of ballots: 77

P. Georgakakos
Catherine Bielajew

Received: 22
Received: 50

Position for Fine Arts Rep.

Total No. of ballots: 17

Janice Seline
Dean Eliertson

Received: 16
Received: 0 (withdrew)

Spoiled: 8

*Disqualified

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